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SACRAMENTO MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that ERIC WAYNE ALDERSON, 40, of Sacramento, was arrested today following his indictment by a federal grand jury last week charging him with possessing images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The defendant made his first appearance in court this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in front of United States Magistrate Judge Gregory G. Hollows.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Elk Grove Police Department which was undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). PSC is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children, and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet, and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to www.projectsafechildhood.gov or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that between February 20, 2007 and February 21, 2007, the defendant possessed images of child pornography on his computer.

The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of possessing child pornography is ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a lifetime term of supervised release. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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